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TO: PRIORITY EAST ASIA BRIEF.

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SUBJECT: EAST ASIA BRIEF OCPAS EA 89-053 FOR 7 MARCH 1989
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2. CHINA: RENEWED VIOLENCE IN TIBET [Redacted]

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2. CHINA: RENEWED VIOLENCE IN TIBET

CHINESE POLICE LAUNCHED AN ASSAULT ON THE TIBETAN SECTION OF LHASA YESTERDAY IN AN EFFORT TO REGAIN CONTROL OF THE CITY, WHILE THE CHINESE QUARTER REMAINS UNDER HEAVY POLICE GUARD, ACCORDING TO WESTERN PRESS REPORTS.

TIBETAN DISSIDENTS MAY TRY TO HOLD MORE DEMONSTRATIONS ON FRIDAY THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TIBETAN UPRISING IN 1959.

COMMENT: RENEWED VIOLENCE IN TIBET COMES AS CHINESE LEADERS PREPARE FOR PARTY AND GOVERNMENT MEETINGS LATER THIS MONTH THAT ARE LIKELY TO FOCUS ON THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS. ORTHODOX PARTY LEADERS, ALREADY CRITICAL OF GENERAL SECRETARY ZHAO ZIYANG FOR HIS HA----- -T ON THE LIBERALIZED POLICIES TOWARD MINORITIES THAT ZHAO AND OTHER REFORMERS HAVE PUSHED. BEIJING, MEANWHILE, IS CERTAIN TO ADOPT TOUGHER SECURITY MEASURES TO FORESTALL FURTHER UNREST AND MAY BE EVEN LESS INCLINED TO PURSUE A DIALOGUE WITH THE DALAI LAMA.

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